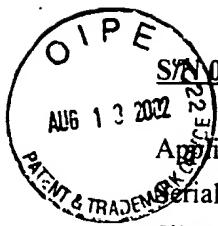


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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Specification

Please make the paragraph substitution indicated in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Amended Specification Paragraphs." The specific changes incorporated in the substitute paragraph are shown in the following marked-up version of the original paragraph:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, at lines 4-5, as follows:

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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/192,754 [60/193,754], filed March 28, 2000.

In the Claims

Please add the following claims:

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39. (New) A method to prepare a substantially pure population of mammalian epidermal stem cells, comprising: separating a sample comprising a population of mammalian epidermal cells contacted with a Hoechst dye and propidium or pyronidine iodine, which population comprises epidermal stem cells, into a substantially pure population of epidermal stem cells and into at least one population of cells that does not comprise epidermal stem cells.
  
40. (New) A method to prepare mammalian epidermal stem cells, comprising: separating a sample comprising a population of mammalian epidermal cells contacted with a Hoechst dye and propidium or pyronidine iodine, which population comprises epidermal stem